Indian Petrochemicals Corporation's Collaboration with Holland firm

17. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Petrochemical Corporation Limited has entered into a collaboration with General Electric Plastics of Holland for production of engineering plastics; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Limited (IPCL) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with General Electric Plastics, Netherlands for evaluating the feasibility of a joint venture arrangement for production of engineering plastics supported by Application Development Centre with production facilities for alloys, blends, composites of engineering plastics and polycarbonate sheets. It also envisages manufacturing facilities for basic resins of polycarbonate and modified phenylene oxide. IPCL also signed an exclusive Sales and Marketing Development Agreement with General Electric Plastics for marketing their entire range of engineering plastics products in India.

Export of cement

18. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3622 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th August, 1988 and state:

(a) what was the quantity and value of the cement exported during the last one year ;

(b) what are the names opf the countries to which cement was exported; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to boost the export of cement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) During 1988-89 (upto February, 1989) 1437 tonnes of cement was exported to Bangladesh for a value of about US $ 67,000 FOR Indian border. In addition about 56,000 tonnes of cement was exported to Nepal against Rupee Payments.

(c) Export of cement has been decanalised and Cash Compensatory Support (CCS) @ 10 per cent on export of cement, both grey and white, has been granted by the Government w.e.f. 1-4-1989.

Applications for setting up of Industries in UP and Bihar

19. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Ministry of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how many applications were received for setting up industries in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar during the last three years;

(b) how many of them were received from Eastern Uttar Pradesh and Northern Bihar, respectively; and

(c) how many of these applications have been cleared and rejected so far, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (c) During the year 1986, 1987 and 1988 a total of 891 and 116 applications were received for setting up industries in the State of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar respectively. Of these, 80 were for Eastern U.P. and 18 for North Bihar. The position of appli-

cations cleared and rejected is shown as under (Statewise) :

State	Total No. of appl. recd.	LOT issued	Applications rejected/otherwise disposed of	Under process
(Figures in bracket denote the share of Eastern U.P. and North Bihar respectively)				
U.P.	891 (80)	319 (31)	437 (37)	135 (12)
Bihar	116 (18)	45 (5)	64 (12)	77 (1)

Opening of new Post Offices, Telegraph Offices and Public Call Offices in U.P. and Bihar

20. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of post offices, telegraph offices and public call offices likely to be opened in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar and the staff proposed to be appointed on this account during the current financial year; and

(b) what is the total amount of money likely to be incurred on the opening of such offices in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) The information is as follows:

	Uttar Pradesh	Bihar
Post offices .	350	225
Long Distance Public Telephones/ Combined Offices (LDPTs/COs)	308	286

The proposed number of post offices may lead to creation of about 650 posts of Extra-departmental emloyees and 20 departmental staff in groups 'C' and 'D' in Uttar Pradesh, the corresponding estimate for Bihar being 450 and 10 respectively.

No separate staff is sanctioned for LDPTs. Those opened in post offices are operated by postal staff and those opened in groceries etc. are manned by the owners of these establishments.

(b) The information is as follows:

(Rs. lakhs)

	Uttar Pradesh	Bihar
Post Offices .	16.60	10.94
LDPTs/COs .	462.00	429.00

Electronic Telephone Exchanges

21. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of telephone exchanges where electronic system is likely to be introduced during the